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Stevens Creek Trail extension opens in Cupertino



The new Linda Vista extension of the Stevens Creek Trail is placed on a former access road located along the eastern edge of Deep Cliff Golf Course, pictured here. With the Linda Vista extension, Cupertino's segment of the trail is now about 1.3 miles long. According to the Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, work is underway to extend the trail south to Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale. (Courtesy photo)

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After two years in development, the Linda Vista extension of the Stevens Creek Trail, located between McClellan Road and Linda Vista Park, is open to the public.

The Cupertino City Council approved a \$595,500 budget for the trail in 2019. The pedestrian-only trail is approximately a third of a mile long and made of a mix of gravel, dirt, and asphalt. It is placed on a former access road located along the eastern edge of Deep Cliff Golf Course, and connects to the existing trail near the McClellan Ranch Preserve. A new pedestrian crossing safely joins the old and new segments across McClellan Road.

With the Linda Vista extension, Cupertino's segment of the trail is now about 1.3 miles long. According to the nonprofit Friends of Stevens Creek Trail, plans are in the works to pave the extension's prepared dirt surface to improve accessibility, and to designate a route through Linda Vista Park as part of the Stevens Creek Trail in preparation for a future connection to the trail in Stevens Creek County Park and the Stevens Creek/Tony Look Trail that runs alongside the reservoir.

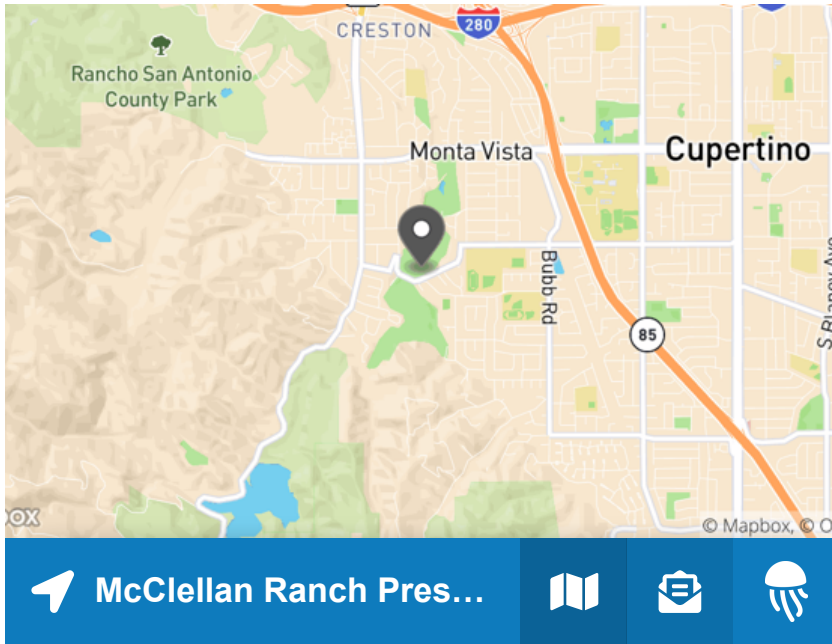
The entire trail is currently just over 5 miles long and runs through Cupertino, Mountain View and Los Altos. According to the Friends, work is underway to extend the trail south to Fremont Avenue in Sunnyvale.

The Linda Vista extension was made possible when former Cupertino mayor Richard Lowenthal and his wife Ellen approached the city in 2019 with a proposal to donate the 1.5-acre parcel of land that included the access road as long as the city committed to opening the new portion of the trail within two years. Plans for the trail extension were approved in November 2020, and construction began in January 2021. Four months later, the new trail was completed.

The Friends, with the assistance of Walk-Bike Cupertino,

strongly backed the proposal and rallied community support behind it.

“This new segment of the Stevens Creek Trail is an exciting milestone in the expansion of the trail’s reach in Cupertino,” Friends president Scott Trappe said in a statement. “It also takes us one step closer to connecting the trail to Stevens Creek County Park and all its recreational opportunities.”



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